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LONDON FOR KINSOLVING
PARIS FOR NICHOLAS MURPHY
OTHER ADDRESSEES FOR CHIEFS OF MISSION

1. THE "STEADFASTNESS FRONT" -- SYRIA, LIBYA, ALGERIA, SOUTH YEMEN, IRAQ, AND THE PLO -- HAS APPARENTLY DECIDED TO MAKE USE OF INTERNATIONAL FORA IN AN EFFORT TO FORCE SADAT TO RENOUNCE HIS PEACE INITIATIVE. THE TACTIC IS TO ACCUSE EGYPT AND THE US OF SEEKING A SEPARATE PEACE WITH ISRAEL AT THE EXPENSE OF THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS. THUS FAR, THE STEADFASTNESS FRONT HAS WON ENDORSEMENT FOR ITS POSITION FROM TWO CONFERENCES OF THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES: THE ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS AND THE NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING BUREAU (NACB).

2. AT THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE IN DAKAR, APRIL 24-28, SADAT'S CRITICS TRIED TO USE SADAT'S INITIATIVE AND ITS ALLEGED NEGLECT OF THE PALESTINE QUESTION TO ISOLATE EGYPT. WITH THE HELP OF THE SAUDIS AND SENEGALESE, EGYPT AND SOME OF THE OTHER MODERATES WERE ABLE TO STAVE OFF

LIBYAN AND PLO ATTEMPTS TO GENERATE DIRECT CRITICISM
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OF SADAT.

3. NEVERTHELESS, THE PLO, WITH STRONG LIBYAN, SYRIAN, AND ALGERIAN SUPPORT, SUCCEEDED IN PUSHING THROUGH A TOUGH RESOLUTION WHICH TOOK SADAT TO TASK (BUT NOT BY NAME) BY ASSOCIATING HIM WITH CRITICISM OF THE US. THE RESOLUTION:

--CONDEMNED THE US FOR SPONSORING "LIQUIDATIONIST AND DEFEATIST ATTEMPTS...TO SERVE ITS INTERESTS IN THE AREA AND TO SAFEGUARD THE ZIONIST RACIST PRESENCE IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES EITHER THROUGH SPONSORING BILATERAL SOLUTIONS OR BYPASSING THE PALESTINE PROBLEM"; AND

--REAFFIRMED THE PLO AS "SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE" OF THE PALESTINIANS; AS SUCH, IT HAS THE RIGHT TO WORK FOR "THE REJECTION OF ALL FORMS OF DEFEATIST AMERICAN SETTLEMENTS AND LIQUIDATIONIST SCHEMES."

4. ONLY EGYPT AND CHAD REPORTEDLY REGISTERED RESERVATIONS TO THE RESOLUTION. MOST NON-ARAB MODERATES SAT ON THEIR

HANDS, ACCORDING TO THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR, ON GROUNDS THAT THIS WAS A DISPUTE BETWEEN EGYPT AND THE OTHER ARABS.

5. AT THE NACB MEETING IN HAVANA, MAY 15-20, EGYPT WORKED HARD TO FORESTALL THE EFFORT BY SYRIA AND THE PLO TO CONDEMN SADAT'S INITIATIVE. IN ADDITION TO LOBBYING KEY MEMBERS BEFORE THE MEETING, THE EGYPTIANS CLASHED WITH THE SYRIANS DURING THE DEBATES AND IN THE VARIOUS DRAFTING COMMITTEES.

6. THE SYRIAN TACTIC WAS TWOFOLD:

--TO CRITICIZE SADAT INDIRECTLY IN A RESOLUTION
9Y CONDEMNING US POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST; AND
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--TO ATTACK SADAT DIRECTLY FROM THE FLOOR FOR
HIS VISIT TO ISRAEL.

THEY SUBMITTED AN AMENDMENT TO THE ORIGINAL CUBAN DRAFT COMMUNIQUE CONDEMNING "ISOLATED SOLUTIONS" AND STATING THAT ANY PEACE EFFORT NOT BASED ON ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND THE RECOGNITION OF PALESTINIAN NATIONAL RIGHTS WOULD "OPEN A WIDE FIELD FOR THE ANNIHILATION AND SELL-OUT EFFORTS AND INITIATIVES THAT THE US IS DIRECTING IN THIS REGION..." JUDGING FROM

THE LANGUAGE OF THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE AS WE HAVE RECEIVED IT, THE SYRIAN VERSION ESSENTIALLY WAS ACCEPTED AS A "COMPROMISE" AFTER SHARP EXCHANGES BETWEEN EGYPT AND SYRIA.

7. IN THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE, THE NACB:

--UNDERLINED THE "NECESSITY OF SAFEGUARDING THE
INTRINSIC UNITY OF THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM"
AS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF A MIDDLE EAST PEACE;

--MAINTAINED THAT A JUST AND LASTING PEACE SHOULD
INCLUDE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES AND RECOGNITION OF THE INALIENABLE
RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE; OTHERWISE THE
US WOULD BE ABLE TO "LIQUIDATE THE PALESTINIAN
PROBLEM AND TO HELP ISRAEL REACH ITS OBJECTIVE
AND TO PERPETUATE THE OCCUPATION;"

--EMPHASIZED THAT A LASTING PEACE CAN ONLY BE
REACHED WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF A GLOBAL
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SOLUTION. (I.E., IN THE "GENEVA FRAMEWORK")

8. IT IS DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT THE EGYPTIAN CLAIM THAT THE NACB COMMUNIQUE REPRESENTS A SUCCESS FOR CAIRO BECAUSE IT DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY CONDEMN SADAT. THE EVIDENCE SUGGESTS THAT SYRIA DID MUCH BETTER THAN EGYPT BECAUSE THE NACB BOUGHT THE SYRIAN LINE OF OPPOSING SADAT'S PEACE INITIATIVE.

9. THE SUCCESS OF SYRIAN-PLO EFFORTS AT DAKAR AND HAVANA WILL ENCOURAGE THEM AND THEIR ALLIES TO EXTEND THE ANTI-SADAT CAMPAIGN TO OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. AS A RESULT, EGYPT MAY FIND ITSELF INCREASINGLY ISOLATED AMONG THE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES UNLESS THERE IS FURTHER PROGRESS IN THE PEACE PROCESS. ASSAD'S DECISION TO AIR INTRA-ARAB PROBLEMS IN INTERNATIONAL FORA IS A FURTHER INDICATION THAT HE SEES NO ADVANTAGE IN REACHING A RAPPROCHEMENT WITH SADAT IN THE NEAR FUTURE. (CONFIDENTIAL)

10. ISRAEL: THE ISRAELI SUPREME COURT YESTERDAY ORDERED THE DEFENSE MINISTRY TO SUSPEND DEVELOPMENT OF THE JEWISH SETTLEMENT OF NABI SALAH ON THE WEST BANK AFTER ARAB VILLAGERS CLAIMED THEIR LAND HAD BEEN EXPROPRIATED. THE COURT ALSO DEMANDED THE REMOVAL OF A FENCE SURROUNDING THE PLANNED ROUTE OF A ROAD TO THE SETTLEMENT AND GAVE THE MINISTRY 40 DAYS TO EXPLAIN THE TAKEOVER OF THE SETTLEMENT LAND. (UNCLASSIFIED)

11. EGYPT: THE EGYPTIAN NEWSPAPER AL-JUMHURIYAH REPORTED THAT A SENIOR EGYPTIAN MILITARY OFFICER IS NOW IN ZAIRE. THE EGYPTIANS VIEW THE INVASION OF ZAIRE AS A DIRECT THREAT TO THE SUDAN. THE NEWSPAPER COMMENTED THAT EGYPT WILL NEVER TOLERATE THE SUDAN BEING A TARGET OF CUBA FROM ZAIRE OR ETHIOPIA. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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12. EMBASSY CAIRO REPORTS THAT MRS. JIHAN SADAT HAS JUST LEARNED THAT THE INTERVIEW SHE GAVE TO AN AMERICAN JOURNALIST HAS APPEARED IN PLAYGIRL MAGAZINE, AND SHE IS FURIOUS. SOME ARE CONCERNED THAT THIS MAY BE USED BY OPPONENTS OF THE REGIME TO TARNISH SADAT'S IMAGE. (SECRET)

13. PALESTINIANS: BEIRUT RADIO REPORTED THAT FOLLOWING

A MEETING BETWEEN PLO LEADERS AND LEBANESE PRIME MINISTER HOSS, THE PALESTINIANS MADE A FORMAL STATEMENT SAYING THAT:

--THE PLO ASSURED THE PRIME MINISTER THAT THEY WERE INTERESTED IN FACILITATING THE UN FORCES IN ACCOMPLISHING THEIR MISSION--BRINGING ABOUT ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL AND THE RESTORATION OF LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY. (NO MENTION WAS MADE OF UNIFIL'S MANDATE TO PREVENT PALESTINIAN INFILTRATION.)

14. LEBANON: THE LEBANESE NEWSPAPER IKE REPORTED ON MAY 24 THAT LEBANESE POLICE HAD ROUNDED UP A 22-MEMBER NETWORK PLANNING TO BOMB THE FRENCH EMBASSY TO AVENGE THE DEATH OF THE THREE TERRORISTS KILLED IN THE ORLY AIRPORT. OTHER SOURCES, HOWEVER, DENY THE REPORT. (CONFIDENTIAL) VANCE

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